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SUBJECT: GOM OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON MEXICAN ENERGY PROBLEMS

REF: MEXICO 0931

1. DURING COURSE GENERAL CONVERSATION FEB. 19 BEING REPORTED SEPTELS, LIC. ABEL GARRIDO, GOM TREASURY OFFICIAL, EXPRESSED CONCERN CONTINUING READY AVAILABILITY GASOLINE ON MEXICAN DOMESTIC MARKET. AS OPPOSED TO OPTIMISTIC PICTURE PRESENTED BY OTHER GOM OFFICIALS (SEE MEXICO 9238, 9392, AND 0027 NOTED REFTEL), GARRIDO FEELS THAT STEPS WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN SOON TO RESTRAIN DOMESTIC DEMAND SO AS TO REDUCE IMPORTS OF CRUDE AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. HE POINTED TO MEXICO'S ESTIMATED 1.6 BILLION DOLLAR TRADE DEFICIT IN 1973, AND INDICATED A PROBABLE INCREASE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN THE IMPORT BILL IN 1974 AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PETROLEUM PRICES.

2. GIVEN WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS "UNDISCIPLINED" NATURE  
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OF THE MEXICAN, GARRIDO EXPRESSED VIEW THAT RATIONING WAS NOT A FEASIBLE SOLUTION, AND THAT IF DOMESTIC

DEMAND WAS TO BE RESTRAINED IN ORDER TO EFFECT  
NECESSARY SAVINGS IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE, THEN SOME SORT  
OF COMPROMISE PROGRAM WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT.  
GARRIDO BELIEVES THAT ONE WAY TO RESTRAIN DEMAND WOULD  
BE FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL RISE IN GASOLINE PRICES (WHICH  
VIRTUALLY DOUBLED AT YEAR'S END) COUPLED WITH SPECIAL  
PRICE CONCESSIONS TO SECTORS MOST AFFECTED, FOR EXAMPLE,  
TAXIS, BUSES, TRUCKS, AND PERHAPS AGRICULTURAL USERS.  
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